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a | and feel that we are of his family; and it is

When we feel this, when we feel that we are not obedient to the heavenly body, and

have attained a satisfactory development, and we should never cease daily striving for higher growth until we have attained their plane. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." (After referring to a house

Dorethea Trudel, and to the wonderful success of Geo. Muller in England and Dr. Cullis in Boston—Dr. B. continued) I might occupy many hours in giving demonstrative examples of answer to prayer. A great many of the examples however that

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believe, feeling that he is needed. So we continually sympathize with our dear friends who are afflicted with this disease when a family is destined pray for help, and we are glad to be able to do so. We improved to go and help them. When old Henry Badger and his wife of Steuben county, N. Y., were afflicted with this disease (the famine of food in their little home and a dearth of money to buy food) and a prospect of starvation, they prayed fervently for help that night and young Mr. Clason who was in the city at the time, heard of their case and was wakened up at twelve while the old man was praying and so was powerfully impressed with the fact that he must do something that he could not go to sleep, but spoke to his wife and she went to the store and got a lot of good provisions, and he started out at midnight through the snow storm two miles to the house of the afflicted couple, to provide. Looking up he exclaimed, "Now I have done my duty." He then went to his room, Mr. Clason went back by daylight, the neighbors heard of it and brought in provisions to help the family.

The third and fourth methods of supplying the necessities of the afflicted are indicated as follows to death or to incurable bedridden disease, are suddenly removed from the earth, and the afflicted are left in the hands of example.

One of our friends, wife of Rev. Moses Sherman of Frenchtown, New Hampshire, in consequence of a severe fall injuring the knee joint, was afflicted with rheumatism and chronic disease, was an helpless invalid for many years, and was finally given up by physicians after six or seven years of suffering, she was finally released on the 17th of June, 1877, and died at the age of 67 years, and was buried in the cemetery at Frenchtown.

Prayer and divine comfort, was the only help she had.

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The Verdict of Prof. R. P. Underwood.

To the Editor of the Religious Philosophical Journal:

I have read your surprising revelation in regard to D. M. Bennett, and I am glad to find it. I prefer not to be in haste in giving my verdict in such a serious matter, but I am glad to find that D. M. Bennett is innocent of the folly, vulgarity and vice of which he is guilty. I am glad to find that from him are genuine. If he is the man you represent him to be, he is a wonderful seer and deliberative and calm in the midst of a virtuous woman, whom he has tried to corrupt and ruin. His character is most respectable, and he is unfit to represent any decent movement or to associate with decent and virtuous people.

The only way that D. M. Bennett's name can be saved from everlasting disgrace, is to let the gentlemen of these letters. As the case now stands—supervising these letters beyond question—those who have defended Bennett will feel that he has out-argued himself on his own ground.

With many of Bennett's positions I have never been in accord, nor have I approved of the methods he has employed. The circulation of Cyprian's letter by him I have characterized as most unwise and foolish. But he declared he had no sympathy with his teachings and sold it in the interests of freedom. I gave him credit for this. I thought it still better that he should have said his sentence unjust, I protected against his imprudence than the false and dangerous. I wrote Col. Ingersoll and others requesting them to use their efforts for his pardon. I have written him a letter of sympathy since his removal to the Albany penitentiary. But still, whatever he is, he is not a man who does not justify his imprisonment for the offense for which he was sentenced. I think what you have published be true, the liberal public will no longer have confidence in a man and the cause which has been so generously bestowed will be withdrawn.

This is the only "verdict" I shall attempt to give now. Respectfully,

UNDERWOOD.

Monroe, Wis. Oct. 24th, 1879.

The cry has already been raised that Bennett's letters are forgeries. The *Truth* of Oct. 10th, contains an editorial insinuation to that effect.

In answer to this we say that, as far as we are concerned, we were fully convinced and satisfied of the authenticity and genuineness of the letters we were published them. And all who have had anything to do with obtaining the evidence and bringing Bennett to the light, were thoroughly satisfied that Bennett's letters were genuine. We do not doubt that the letters had been written by him. To show the public that we were acting upon a certainty, we published photographs of the handwriting of Bennett's letters in three different letters, an ordinary letter to a gentleman; two, pages from the love-letters. No expert will risk his reputation by pronouncing any part of these facsimiles forgeries.

But, furthermore, as Mr. Underwood informs us that he is to be in Chicago within a few days, we will submit these letters for his inspection, and will publish his opinion in our next issue.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard, and Other Items of Interest.

Daniel White, M. D., of St. Louis, Mo., has our thanks for interesting and important items.

Mrs. Emma Jeffries, inspirational lecturer, came and test medium, is now in Michigan.

Bro. E. V. Wilson, while traveling around the country, has his book and photo for sale. Every Spiritualist should buy them.

We refer our readers to the able address on Prayer, by Prof. Buchanan. It will be read with deep interest.

D. D. Home, having passed the summer in Russia, has now returned to France, and may be addressed at Paris.

Capt. Brown, a prominent lecturer, writes: "Keep your hand warmly on the Stewart matter."

Mrs. A. B. Spilney has been lecturing at Terrell and Lyons, and was well received. Two days' meetings at Douglas. Mrs. L. A. Pearson will be present.

Susie M. Johnson informs us that she attended séances at Pence Hall, in 1875, and saw nothing that impressed her as genuine; everything there was the work of fraud.

Capt. H. H. Brown will speak the first three Sundays of November at Springfield, Mo. He can be engaged for one or more lectures during that time by addressing him in the care of Mrs. F. A. Cook, 635 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

Dr. Tingley relates a case where, in consequence of strong impressions, he called upon a friend, and while in his presence observed two contending, the touch or bit of which are so poisonous that death generally soon follows. An impression which leads to such results, is valuable.

To say the least, there is something very peculiar about artificial somnambulism, as exemplified by Dr. Fahnestock, of Lancaster, Pa. Many of his patients, when once inducted into the mystery of the art, can in a moment render any part of the body insensible to pain or torture. He also renders them clairvoyant by the same process.

E. V. Wilson will lecture in Italy's Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, the Sundays of November. He will fill engagements on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of the month, and will be in Cleveland, Ohio. His terms are reasonable. Address him at Cleveland, O., post office No. 4 at Lombard St. He will lecture in Indianapolis, Ind., at West Third-street, and New York city, the Sundays of December. He will attend the Vermont State Association of Spiritualists Quarterly Meeting, at Waterville, Vt., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of January, 1880. His address for December, will be No. 1268 Broadway, New York.

Susie M. Johnson, well known as an inspirational speaker, and now located at Minneapolis, Minn., has been lecturing several days among her many friends in Chicago. We often hear her lectures spoken of as able and instructive, and we hope the friends of Minneapolis will do their utmost to maintain liberally this lecturer and her efforts in their midst.

Prof. Mivart, F. R. S., Secretary of the Linnean Society, etc., lately delivered an address at the Royal Institution. He described the modern theory of the materialists in graphic words, as "a process of intellectual blithering by which the unwary spectator, is apt to be cheated out of his most valuable mental possession—his rational certainty."

A publication bearing the name of *The Liberal*, and designed to be a representative and exponent of the progressive liberal ideas of the age, will be commenced at Leavenworth, Kansas, on or about the first of January, 1880. Prominent liberals in the west will contribute to its pages. We hope it will go forward with success. A paper of the name and title tendency, is now being published at Lamar, Mo.

A proposition to Mrs. J. R. Pickering—Francis Howard desires to establish the cause of the mediumship of Mrs. Pickering, who was sometimes ago exposed, because he makes the following proposition in the Boston Globe. He says:

"I am ready to give Mrs. Pickering a chance to prove that she is innocent. If she will consent to be put under strict test on the subject, I will conclude any charge for fraud. She shall be enclosed within a netting of either iron or copper, securely fastened to the floor, and if forms against outside the same in the usual manner, when only her hand is visible, in used, and if indications shall be found that the netting or inclosure have been broken or tampered with, I will give her \$1000. If she fails to present of \$100. I shall be most happy to be compelled by a genuine mediumship to this manifestation to pay the money."

A correspondent sends us a flaming report announcing that "Dr. J. Foster, assisted by J. Nelson Jefferson and May Holmes, one of the greatest clairvoyants of the age, in their new work, will exhibit all the various phases of spirit phenomena, etc." We have frequently cautioned the public against these strolling players. They are, however, honorable people in the comparison with such mountebanks as Pence & Company. "Dr. Foster's show is on the face of it a humbug, and he does not try to worm himself into the favor of spiritualists or endeavor to get the endorsement of representative spiritualists, as do Pence & Co. Spiritualists will in time learn to feel severely since all the concepts which require confidence in a medium, so long as spiritualists and spiritual papers defend such dems of iniquity, as Pence Hall, so long will such strolling humbugs as Dr. Foster's continue to be patronized. Spiritualists have the remedy in their own hands."

Mrs. Cornelia A. Sheldon, of Belmont, N. Y., has invented a most excellent fire escape, which has been patented. Mrs. Sheldon claims a needed improvement from spiritual agencies, that enabled her to present to the world her ingenious though simple contrivance, enabling a person to escape from fire, through a hundred or more feet from the ground. The invention consists, in part, of a board-shaped carrier of canvas or other material saturated in some fire-proof preparation; of sufficient length when thrown from the window of the building from which it is used, to reach the ground and be held out in a diagonal position by some person below, thus holding and sustaining the body of the person descending. After the horrible holocaust of human beings in New York, Brooklyn, and St. Louis, Mrs. Sheldon was literally haunted with the thought that some means could be devised to save burning and children, as well as men from burning buildings, she heeded the impressions she received, and her efforts were crowned with complete success.

Everett Hall (Brooklyn, N. Y.) Spiritual Conference, 38 Fulton street, meets every Saturday evening at 7:30 P. M. R. H. H. Brown, chairman. Subjects: Nov. 1, Ask ye and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Opening address by Dr. H. A. Atkinson, M. D., New York city.

Nov. 8, How to interest the young in Spiritualism, W. G. Bowen.

Nov. 15, The Religious Teachings of Modern Spiritualism, Henry Kiddle, of New York city.

Nov. 22, The Psychic Forces in Human Life, or Positive and Negative Powers, Col. Wm. Hemsted, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Nov. 29, The Facts and Philosophy of Modern Spiritualism, M. Howard, M. D.

Thirty minutes allowed for opening address, followed by ten minute addresses by members of conference.

WHEELING, W. VA. Oct. 26th.—On Tuesday, a prominent citizen of this city, and a man who has a reputation for integrity in connection with temperance reform, died in this city at the age of 52 years. His name was Mr. Hornbrook. He had been ill some time past, but was thought to be improving. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very active worker in the cause of temperance. He was a man of great energy and was a very popular man in the community. He was a member of the National Temperance League.

Mr. Hornbrook was a prominent spiritualist, and took deep interest in all religious movements, and had been a subscriber to the JOURNAL for many years.

Dr. A. B. Stockham is meeting with success in Moline, Ill., lecturing upon health. She will be at Danversport, Iowa, this week.

Dr. J. K. Bailey is still lecturing in Iowa. He spoke at Center Point, Sept. 9th, Parkersburg, 18th; Nevada, Oct. 4th and 5th; Prairie Hill, 18th; Grand Junction, 19th; Scranton, 24th—25th.

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**SUNDRIES,**

A. J. DAVIS'S Theory of Ideas—Defects of Inspiration, etc.  
BY J. G. JACKSON.

To the Editor of the *Religio-Political Journal*:  
How can I longer hold my peace? You are showing up the impostors, the frauds and foolishness, and others of the same sort, splendidly! In one of your late issues you give the improvisators and inspirationists a short, sharp lesson they have long needed.

Having been myself a Spiritualist for a quarter of a century or more, I propose to contribute to the *Journal* the following: "I am to go no more out," but in the name of common sense and reasonable good taste and culture, were I not thus confirmed, the wicked frauds being perpetrated, and the degrees of inspirational improvisation and the degrees of fallibility even of some who claim to stand highest, might drive me out.

Paul said, as oft quoted, "Try the spirits," etc. Would to God, if he is to be considered authority, that he had also said,—"or that some one in authority would now say, "Try the inspirations and see that they be of God, y. e., good and true."

Is it any wonder that the hundreds of Spiritualists who are endowed with some literary and poetic taste, have to hang their heads in shame when compelled, as they

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"It has been supposed by a conspicuous astronomer that tides were produced by the law of attraction, by the action of the moon upon the earth." This can not be true; for attraction is not an established principle especially beyond the atmosphere of any body or substance.

Were Mr. Davis to spend a life of effort he could scarcely embody in a few words, errors more important and far-reaching than those of a conspicuous astronomer, "guess he, who was that? Sir Isaac Newton, of whom the poet said:

"Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night;  
God said let Newton be, and all was light!"  
Go and read with understanding New-

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What boyish poverty, jumbled up with the common truth of statement, appears in your letter, and is it not a little more than is quoted by the *Colombia* correspondent? What, pray, is the "extreme east" or "extreme west" that you refer to? I am sure you do not that east to you as north (as respondents to the *Colombia* correspondent do), and we here at *Intelligencer* or in other words we are in the United States, and our answers are pointing in directly opposite directions? Such terms, as above quoted from the *Colombia* correspondent, are not only unscientific or popular, but north and south are not the same thing, and the *Colombia* correspondent is quarrelous with itself in their common use and the line of direction extended from the north to the south is not the same safety line, for a hurried time, as the line

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and it will be no discredit for him to acknowledge more openly that many of his earlier revelations are clonked with the misconceptions of his then unglutted mind, and that the God given faculty of Reason, after all the power whereby it is inspired, especially those concerning the laws of what we call material nature, must be brought to the test of positive knowledge deduced from observation and experience.

**My Association with the People of the  
Other World.**

BY MRS. AMANDA M. SPENCE.  
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In my last article I endeavored to portray the condition of those people in the Spirit-world who are under the domination of their emotional nature. I also endeavored to show that people who are yet in the body, and are not yet free from the domination of their emotions, do not differ in the reality of their state from people out from the body who are similarly dominated. Nevertheless there seems to be a vast difference between the two classes, and that difference is the difference of the body. It is a difference that is not in the real nature of the two classes of persons themselves, but it is rather a difference in their necessities and surroundings. People in the body are creatures of arbitrary conditions, and their emotions are constantly subduing their emotional excitement, but by calling off the mind to a different

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reper and sleeper into the depths of their intensified passions and revel in the lowest and most groveling manifestations of emotional excitement of which that part of our nature is susceptible.

"Purple is the Spirit world who are in the  
 condition which we have described, are in  
 the condition of insanity, and are in a  
 polarized state of the emotional nature,  
 which is beyond the reach of all *ordinary*  
 remedial influences. I say *ordinary* be-  
 cause the condition is beyond the reach of  
 the ordinary influences of the mind.  
 "I am saying that all forms of insanity,  
 all cases in which the emotions have been  
 so excited as to produce a condition of  
 insanity, and in which the excitement has  
 endured for years, may be depolarized by  
 the action of *extraordinary* and *causal* in-  
 fluences. The condition of insanity may  
 not be developed beyond their passions and  
 emotions, are in states of fixed and permanent  
 insanity, and are in a condition of insanity  
 of any of the ordinary influences of the  
 mind, so that, if their sphere of exist-  
 ence were opened, to our vision, we could not  
 see them, and they would be in a con-  
 dition of insanity of all grades of the hope-

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### Items from Philadelphia.

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aston said that though recent unexpected fatalities had fallen to their lot as a family, she would be too glad to tender a month's leave of absence if accepted for any object. A Lady's Aid Society has also been granted to work in the desirable object of raising a hall for the aged. The cause of Spiritualism, where rum and tobacco are rigidly excluded, the walls decorated with beautiful paintings, stationary pictures and other objects, and the thoughts to God; is a dream so fascinating as to make us tremble in fear of ever realizing the glorious work undertaken by the Society. The Society intend to build a hall in Philadelphia, and only \$50 to start on—though with men in our ranks we are sure to be able to raise it at any number that we are fearful of the world! Our trust is, however, in God, and angel world.

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which comprehends the rest.

BY J. B. CROCKER.

He would never see her husband again. On the afternoon that Mr. Mastie died, and when it was considered improbable that he would recover, medicine was given Mrs. Mastie, to help her to sleep, in order that she might be able to ignore the husband's death. But owing to the death which occurred she awoke and said, "Bertie has gone; he just kissed me and said to me 'better now.'" Despite all efforts to make her think differently, she clung to her words until yesterday morning, when the sad fact was disclosed to her. — *Schenck (Mich.) Daily*





higher than the church," to cleaner hands.  
It is a mark of wisdom, and not of a want

Put such in the lead and we all fall in to the ditch together. Their leadership will earn the pitying contempt of all decent people of whatever creed, and will rob their followers of all moral and spiritual power.

Your task was not welcome or pleasant. All the more credit for doing it. Let us

theory said hope that no more such work may be needed, but that the JOURNAL can turn to its inspiring mission of spiritual culture, edu-

callon in true reforma, and giving the beautiful facts of spirit presence and the divine philosophy and religious doing of duty

These personal matters are to be avoided so far as possible, but to be met when [im-

John Knox, the brave Scotch reformer, said he called a spade a spade and a knave a knave, simply using plain language. So it is sometimes well to unmask pretense, and

call a bad man by the right name, that  
a good cause may be kept clean. All such

Truly yours, G. B. STEBBINS.

Chicago, Nov. 17th, 1879.

For a week our city has had on its gala dress: bunting, evergreen, flowers, and gay military trappings have met the eye at all points. On Wednesday of last week, it is

estimated that over a quarter of million people thronged the streets on the route of the procession. We felt the pleasure of meet-

the procession. We had the pleasure of meeting many old comrades whom we had not seen since we tramped through Dixie. The pleasure of again meeting and mingling in a social way with those whom we had learned to love and admire in the days that tried

men's souls and showed of what stuff they were made, will long be cherished as

bright spot in our experience. The secular press has been full of the proceedings, and we will not, therefore devote space to a history of the week.

**Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard, and  
Other Items of Interest.**

Lyman C. Howe is lecturing at Binghamton, N. Y. He is engaged at Cleveland, Ohio, during December.

commences a course of eight lectures in Talmadge Hall, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Geo. Colby, of Florida, formerly of Iowa, passed through the city last week en route to Iowa. Mr. Colby is a good medium and has a well deserved reputation for integrity and sobriety.

Dr. Alice B. Stockham, of this city, has been giving a "series of conversations" at

ladies alone, in different parts of the country, on this subject. "Why women are sick" She is a thorough student in her profession.

Mrs. Dr. Merrick, of Quincy, Illinois, has built a fine hall and dedicated it to the use

of Spiritualism and Free-thought. A late number of the *Neves* of that city contains

Mrs. Hollis-Billing is holding circles in London, and giving excellent satisfaction. At a late séance, Mrs. Macdonough Gregor

was present for the first time. Ski bestowed upon her marked attention, congratulating her on her success.

Mr. Giles B. Stebbins spent several days last week in Chicago. He is visiting various cities in the west on important business.

ness unconnected with Spiritualism. Numerous friends learning of his presence, were clamorous for his return from him, but he

Mr. M. E. Vandercook has been appointed to a position in the managers' office of the Chicago River.

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Capt. H. H. Brown spoke in Bartonsville, Va. Sunday, Nov. 25th; Proctorsville, Nov.

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he be 14th. He speaks in Springfield, Mass., the

last three Sundays of November, and can make a few more week day engagements this month. Engagements can be made in any section after December 1st. Address him at 625 Main street, Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Watson, the widow of Dr. R. L. Watson who died of yellow fever at Memphis a year since, spent last Sunday with

Memphis. Mrs. Watson is known to the public as "Our Home Medium," so named by Dr. Samuel Watson in his magazine, for which Mrs. Watson's mediumship was well known.

to great advantage during the publication of that valuable periodical.

"It has long been observed," says the *Mercury and Daybreak*, "that controls are very successful in the presence of Mrs. Maddox's gall Gregory—another fact proving the assumption to be correct that sitters have

much to do with the qualifications of mediums. In short, if all sitters were genuine Spiritualists to heart intellect and aff-

It is hum-gaze morals there would be nothing but satisfaction in spirit communion." Yes, that is true if it is added: if all mediums were pure and upright, and there were no evil disposed or tricky spirits to come back.

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